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Central grant for activities against filarial infection in the Madras State

* 295 *Q*.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleasd to state—

(*a*) the total amount received by the State Government from the Central Government by way of grant for carrying out curative, preventive and research activities against filarial infection in the State of Madras; and

(*b*) the total amount spent in the Malabar Coastal area during the year 1955–56?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) The total Central grant to the value of Rs. 1,28,342 was received in the shape of equipment and materials.

(*b*) The total amount spent by the State Government in the Malabar Coastal Area during 1955–56 is Rs. 44,024 of which Rs. 24,289 was by way of grants to local bodies.

Floods in June-July 1956 in South Kanara

* 296 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons rendered homeless in the Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district, on account of heavy rains and floods in the last week of June and first week of July 1956;

(*b*) the number of houses that collapsed;

(*c*) the extent of paddy crops destroyed; and

(*d*) the relief measures taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) 47 families were affected.

(*b*) 47 houses were damaged.

(*c*) An extent of 420 acres of wet lands in Kasargod taluk and Hosdrug sub-taluk was affected by the floods and the estimated loss is reported to be Rs. 1,02,500.

(*d*) The affected persons in Kasargod taluk were immediately removed to safer places. Milk powder, vitamin tablets, rice, clothes and free cash grants were distributed to the victims. The Health staff took precautionary measures against outbreak of epidemics. Gruel centres were opened in the affected area. Takkavi loans are being granted liberally.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have instructed the Collector of South Kanara to take permanent steps to prevent the destruction from floods which is the usual thing there every year?